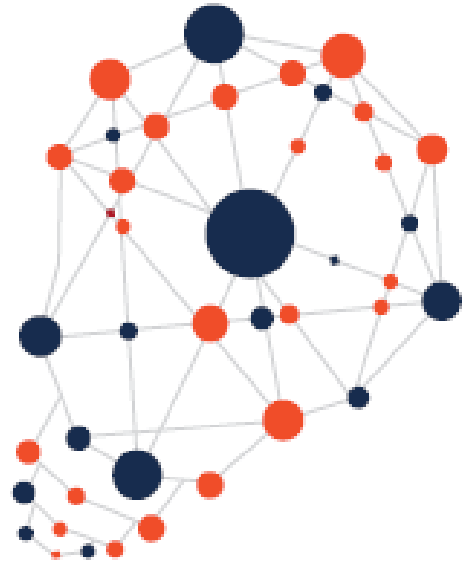


# MSIF WORLD CONFERENCE



**AIMS** | **MSIF** | **2018** | **ROME**

• PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME •

## • YOUNG PEOPLE WITH MS WORKSHOP •

Wednesday | October 24, 2018

- 09:00  
10:00
- ▶ Welcome & Ice Breaker  
Facilitators: **Federica Balzani**, Italy | **Jessica Faulds**, Canada
- 10:00  
11:30
- ▶ The role of young people with MS in my organization:  
today & Tomorrow  
Facilitated discussion
- 11:30  
12:30
- ▶ Supporting young people with MS to meet others
- Camps and cycling project • Polish MS Society |  
Milena Trojanowska
- Other experience to be added!
- 12:30  
13:30
- ▶ The role of young people in raising MS awareness
- MSunderstood Café • MS Ireland |  
Aoife Kirwan
- Senti come mi sento • Italian MS Society |  
Eleonora Boni
- 15:00  
16:00
- ▶ Online communities: everything from developing the  
basics to advocate communities  
Facilitated discussion

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16:00

▶ What's your story?

17:00

▶ How young people around the globe share their experience of being diagnosed and living with MS with family, friends and the wider community

• RESEARCH & TREATMENT UPDATES •

Thursday | October 25, 2018

• Moderators: **M.A. Battaglia** | **M. Salvetti** •

- 09:00  
09:30
- ▶ Welcome & introduction: MSIF, MS organisations and research  
Speaker: **Mario Alberto Battaglia**, Italy
- 09:30  
10:15
- ▶ An update on new therapies for MS  
Speaker: **Giancarlo Comi**, Italy
- 10:15  
11:00
- ▶ Stem cell therapies in MS: present and future perspectives  
Speaker: **Antonio Uccelli**, Italy
- 11:30  
12:15
- ▶ Triggers of MS and MS progression  
Speaker: **Roland Martin**, Switzerland
- 12:15  
12:40
- ▶ Update from the Progressive MS Alliance  
Speaker: **Raju Kapoor**, UK
- 12:40  
13:00
- ▶ Progressive MS Alliance grant: bioinformatics and cell reprogramming to develop an in vitro platform to discover new drugs for progressive MS  
Speakers: **Gianvito Martino**, Italy | **Linda Ottoboni**, Italy

• RESEARCH & TREATMENT UPDATES •

14:30  
15:30

▶ Parallel Sessions

P. Session 1	<b>Complementary approach to symptom management</b>	<b>P. Feys, Belgium</b>
P. Session 2	<b>READY for MS Programme</b>	<b>A.M. Giovannetti, Italy</b>
P. Session 3	<b>Cognition: Overview of cognition in MS</b>	<b>M.P. Amato, Italy</b>
	<b>Cognitive Rehabilitation</b>	<b>P. Hämäläinen, Finland</b>
P. Session 4	<b>Pregnancy</b>	<b>M. Tintoré, Spain</b>
P. Session 5	<b>Focus involving people with MS: a patient self-reported data registry</b>	<b>R. Middleton, UK</b>
	<b>Italian MS Registry</b>	<b>M.A. Battaglia, Italy</b>
P. Session 6	<b>Involving people with MS in the research funding process</b>	<b>K. Lee, Canada</b>
	<b>Involving people with MS in research</b>	<b>P. Zaratini, Italy</b>

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▶ Parallel Sessions repeated

• MSIF MOVEMENT – SHARING SKILLS AND BEST PRACTICES •

Friday | October 26, 2018

- 09:00  
10:00 ▶ Welcome & introduction: access to treatment and healthcare  
Speaker: **Benjamin Davis**, MS Society of Canada and MSIF's International Work Group on Access
- 10:00  
11:00 ▶ Advocating for change: access to treatment and healthcare  
**Roundtable featuring MS organisations from around the world.**  
Chaired by **Mario Alberto Battaglia**, CEO, AISM • **Peer Baneke**, CEO, MSIF
- 11:30  
13:00 ▶ Innovating how we talk about MS  
Speakers: **Marcello Petruzzi** • **Paolo Masiero**, Housatonic, Italy
- 14:30  
15:30 ▶ Parallel Sessions

P. Session 1	<b>Raising awareness with impact</b>	Pyramids Run, challenge and fun MS Care Society, Egypt <b>Alla Al Saffy</b>
		Smoking cessation campaigning, UK MS Society <b>Katherine Dickinson</b>
		A roadmap to defeat MS, MS Australia <b>Deidre Mackechnie</b>

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P. Session 2	<b>Reaching out to hard-to-reach groups</b>	Friendly Visiting Programme, MS Society of Canada <b>Pamela Valentine</b>
		“Peer to Peer” support programme – training people with MS to support those newly diagnosed PTSR, Poland <b>Dominika Czarnota-Szalkowska</b> <b>Magdalena Fac-Skhirtladze</b>
P. Session 3	<b>The palliative care journey</b>	Introductory remarks Danish MS Society <b>Jette Bay</b>
		Guidelines on Palliative Care, Israel MS Society <b>Janine Vosburgh</b>
		At home till the end: experiences and challenges in palliative care project at Merenpisara sheltered housing unit in Finland, Finnish MS Society <b>Merja Vattenranta-Pohjanlehto</b>

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▶ Parallel Sessions

P. Session 4	<b>Online and tele services: supporting people wherever they live</b>	MS Navigator and Community at MS connection.org, National MS Society, USA <b>Tim Coetzee</b>
		Planbaby bei MS” - family planning telephone counselling service for young adults with MS DMSG, Germany <b>Andreas Heitmann</b>
P. Session 5	<b>Volunteers at the heart of MS organisations</b>	Young program, volunteer engagement and motivation AISM, Italy <b>Anna Zaghi</b>
		National Advocates Program MS Australia <b>Deidre Mackechnie &amp; Astrid Edwards</b>
P. Session 6	<b>MS and disability in a digital future</b>	Blog for young people AISM, Italy <b>Daniele Miggino</b>
		MS and Me Community blog MS Ireland <b>Anne Restan</b>
		EM Labs: Promoting new technologies for MS rehabilitation EME, Spain <b>Iratxe Elorriaga Mínguez</b>



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Closing session

Speakers: **Mario Alberto Battaglia**, CEO, AISM • **Peer Baneke**, CEO, MSIF